The proposals received from the Universities and institutions deemed to be Universities are considered by the UGC for providing financial assistance on the recommendations of the Expert Committees constituted by it. Besides, the UGC also has a proposal to set up a countrywide area network "UGC Net" linking all the universities and having connectivity to Internet.

Evaluation criteria for recruitment of KV teachers

229. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of evaluation criteria in vogue for shortlisting of applications for recruitment of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas during 1985-86 sessions, category-wise; and

(b) on which dates these criteria has since been amended, alongwith the details and notifications thereof, each time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) There used to be a system of shortlisting of the applicant for interviews for recruitment to the different posts of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan based on evalution criterion. However, the system of recruitment underwent a major change as a result of introduction of written test system, followed by interview from the year 1999. The earlier evaluation criterion are no longer relevant.

Operation Black Board Scheme in Assam

230. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to continue the Operation Black Board (OBB) Scheme;

(b) if so, the status of teachers already appointed in Assam;

(c) the amount sanctioned and released during the last three years, year-wise, and the reasons for not receiving salary by teachers appointed under this scheme in that State;

(d) whether Government would ensure continuation of service of already appointed teachers; and